

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 2 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claim 1 was indicated as allowed.

Claim 2 was objected to.

Claim 2 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention.

No new matter has been added.

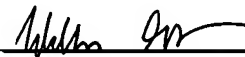
In item 6 on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 2 was objected to for an informality. This objection is overcome as applied to amended claim 2 for reasons which are self-evident.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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